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Via Email

RE: Public Records Request dated February 26, 2018

To whom it may concern,

This correspondence is in response to your public records request dated July 25, 2018. The original request was to:

*"Data on all cases of: unsolved missing persons, homicides, suspicious deaths, and deaths in custody involving an Alaska Native/American Indian woman or girl victim within your jurisdiction(s). For the purposes of this request, "Alaska Native/ American Indian" is defined as any individual who was identified as a member of an Alaska Native or American Indian community or as having Alaska Native/ American Indian heritage. "Woman or girl" includes all victims identified as females, as well as transgender women. If there are any Jane Does that have been identified as potentially Alaska Native or American Indian, please include them as well.*

Attached with this correspondence is a list of cases involving the subject of your request. Additionally, there is a PDF containing additional information on cases which occurred prior to our current storage system. Please be advised additional reports exist related to each of these cases but are being withheld because they have been determined by Ms. Tonya Peters, Legal Advisor for the Lincoln Police Department to be records not disclosable under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05.

Specifically, it has been determined the additional reports constitute records developed or received by law enforcement agencies and other public bodies charged with duties of investigation or examination of persons, institutions, or businesses, and those records constitute part of the examination, investigation, intelligence information, citizen complaints or inquires, and/or the reports contain strategic or tactical information used in law enforcement training as contemplated by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.05(5);

If you believe any records have been unlawfully withheld, please consult Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-712.03 to determine your right to seek administrative and/or judicial review of this office's determination.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss this matter further, feel free to contact me directly. I can be reached via telephone at 402-441-7281, or via email at [rtast@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rtast@lincoln.ne.gov).

Regards,

*/s/ Rick Tast*

Rick Tast  
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Enclosures

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